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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 5, 2009**. Rainfall ceased briefly last week and allowed producers to complete some fieldwork, but scattered rains returned across most of the state and halted fieldwork activities over the weekend. According to reports, the excess precipitation is deteriorating the quality of cotton, soybeans, and corn. Hay harvesting has slowed due to the wet soil conditions. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 24 percent adequate and 74 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/04/09				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	82	80	94	98
Cotton, open bolls	85	74	91	96
Cotton, harvested	1	0	12	43
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	95	93	97	97
Peanuts, harvested	2	0	42	--
Rice, mature	99	96	98	100
Rice, harvested	42	29	69	87
Sorghum, mature	100	100	98	100
Sorghum, harvested	58	47	80	96
Soybeans, turning color	91	83	95	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	74	59	84	95
Soybeans, harvested	40	30	57	79
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	26	25	52	59

Crop condition for week ending 10/04/09					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	7	20	30	41	2
Cotton	9	13	41	37	0
Pasture	1	9	38	39	13
Peanuts	0	0	27	56	17
Rice	5	6	37	52	0
Sorghum	3	9	49	39	0
Soybeans	8	20	26	39	7
Sweet Potatoes	5	50	30	15	0

Comments

“Weekend rain stopped all harvesting. Cotton pickers were able to get started last week. We still need lots of sunshine.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Producers had a couple of days to harvest soybeans. We received some rain over the weekend that will delay any field activities this week.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“The crops continue to go downhill. Beans are about a 50% loss, cotton is 50% loss, and corn is 20-30% loss. The little amount of milo we had is a 100% loss. The crops will not dry down so we can harvest the corn and beans. We have to wait on the top crop of cotton so we will have something to pick.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Pastures dried some after 3 weeks of rainfall. Some ryegrass was planted; however, very little hay was harvested due to wet soil conditions. The forecast calls for more rain next week. Armyworms are still a problem in Bermuda hay fields and pastures.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Field conditions allowed soybean harvest to begin. Damaged soybean seed levels range from 15% to greater than 40%.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“We got a good run of five days for harvesting our weather damaged crops, but wet weather has set in again. Many of the soybeans are running more than 20% damaged, which is a damaged level higher than the elevators will buy.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain Thursday night stopped harvest for several more days. Rains the past few weeks have damaged soybeans still in the field. Cotton quality has suffered in wet areas.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“The arrival of additional significant rainfall, a four to five day break since the three week period of rain, and deterioration of crops will likely seal the failure of many fields of soybeans and greatly decrease the harvestable yield of the remaining unharvested corn. Cotton is being damaged as quickly as bolls crack and attempt to open. Fields will now require a much longer period of drying before re-entry.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Continued rainfall has shut just about everything down on the farming front.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Most producers were happy to be able to get back in the hay fields after two weeks of rain. Several days of sunshine were a big help, but the rain is back now.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Rain has delayed crop harvest but was essential for pastures.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/04/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	87	49	66	69	-3	0.98	0.34	2	5.71				
Cleveland 3N	88	46	64	69	-5	2.98	2.46	2	7.35				
Lambert 1W	88	49	66			0.65	-0.01	1	7.81				
Tunica	87	50	66	69	-3	0.18	-0.45	2	6.39				
Extreme/Average	88	46	66	69	-3	1.20	0.53	2	7.10				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	85	47	65	68	-3	0.29	-0.43	1	8.19				
Calhoun City	83	46	64	68	-4	0.58	-0.12	2	7.77				
Hickory Flat	81	44	61	67	-6	0.37	-0.41	3	14.49				
Holly Springs 4N	83	41	60	65	-5	0.00	-0.81	0	8.79				
Independence	83	46	62	67	-5	0.12	-0.59	2	5.69				
Oxford	84	47	64	67	-3	0.34	-0.49	2	10.50				
Water Valley	84	45	63	68	-5	0.47	-0.23	1	6.99				
Extreme/Average	85	41	63	67	-4	0.31	-0.46	2	9.24				
Northeast													
Booneville	80	44	62	66	-4	0.26	-0.50	1	13.13				
Corinth	80	46	64	68	-4	0.32	-0.50	1	13.21				
Tupelo 2	83	48	64			0.48	0.00	2	10.23				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	82	48	63	68	-5	0.91	0.05	2	8.57				
Verona	83	48	64	68	-4	0.30	-0.49	1	9.60				
Extreme/Average	83	44	63	67	-4	0.45	-0.36	1	10.38				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	88	52	69	70	-1	1.75	1.03	2	8.73				
Moorhead	88	51	68	71	-3	0.87	0.12	2	11.78				
Rolling Fork	92	50	69	70	-1	2.37	1.60	2	7.47				
Stoneville Exp	89	50	69	70	-1	0.88	0.15	3	5.49				
Yazoo City 5NNE	85	51	67	71	-4	1.24	0.47	2	6.30				
Extreme/Average	92	50	68	70	-2	1.42	0.65	2	8.57				
Central													
Canton 4N	88	44	65	70	-5	1.55	0.85	3	7.10				
Eupora 2E	84	45	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.85	0	9.20				
Forest 3S	86	43	65	70	-5	0.50	-0.30	1	6.23				
Kosciusko	83	49	64	69	-5	0.66	-0.13	2	11.62				
Lexington 2NNW	85	46	65	69	-4	0.77	0.07	1	9.60				
Winona 5E	83	44	63	66	-3	0.02	-0.75	1	7.76				
Extreme/Average	88	43	64	69	-5	0.58	-0.19	1	8.75				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	84	49	65	68	-3	0.25	-0.59	1	9.19				
Columbus	81	46	64	70	-6	0.20	-0.52	1	9.57				
Macon	84	48	65	69	-4	0.28	-0.40	1	9.25				
Philadelphia				69		0.60	-0.10	1	8.76				
State University	86	46	65	69	-4	0.63	-0.13	2	11.34				
Extreme/Average	86	46	65	69	-4	0.34	-0.43	1	10.27				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	89	49	69	70	-1	1.05	0.29	1	3.83				
Crystal Sprg Exp	89	50	71	71	0	0.77	-0.12	1	8.50				
Natchez	89	50	69	72	-3	0.84	0.00	2	4.60				
Oakley Exp Stn	89	52	70	70		0.96	0.31	1	6.47				
Port Gibson 1NE	89	49	67	69	-2	0.79	0.02	1	4.90				
Vicksburg	87	50	68			1.50	0.00	1	5.56				
Extreme/Average	89	49	69	71	-2	0.99	0.18	1	6.22				
South-Central													
Collins	87	49	68	70	-2	0.00	-0.87	0	8.90				
Columbia	95	55	73	71	2	1.01	0.19	2	8.23				
Monticello	93	50	72	70	2	1.24	0.46	2	8.80				
Raleigh 6N	86	44	65			1.25	0.00	1	6.96				
Tylertown 5ESE	91	52	71	72	-1	0.49	-0.37	1	9.66				
Extreme/Average	95	44	70	71	-1	0.80	-0.01	1	8.03				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	90	51	70	72	-2	0.41	-0.41	1	7.60				
Laurel	90	50	69	70	-1	0.59	-0.23	1	8.33				
Newton Exp	86	46	66	69	-3	0.91	0.15	1	9.26				
Waynesboro 2W	92	52	71	69	2	0.65	-0.17	2	8.07				
Extreme/Average	92	46	69	70	-1	0.64	-0.16	1	8.32				
Coastal													
Biloxi	93	59	75	74	1	0.49	-0.51	2	7.19				
Extreme/Average	93	59	75	73	2	0.40	-0.57	2	7.19				
State	95	41	67	70	-3	0.70	-0.09	1	8.40				

DFN = Departure from Normal.